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SUBJ: PANAMANIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BOLIVIA

1. THE TORRIJOZ VISIT TO BOLIVIA OCTOBER 25-27 SEEMS TO HAVE GONE SMOOTHLY. THERE WERE NO SURPRISES. AS THE VISIT TOOK PLACE IN SANTA CRUZ, A PROVINCIAL TOWN OF ABOUT 160 THOUSAND PERSONS, IT DID NOT HAVE THE IMPACT OR RESONANCE THAT IT MIGHT HAVE HAD IN LA PAZ.

2. AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, TORRIJOS HAD SOME REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, INCLUDING SUCH THINGS AS SAYING THAT IF A GENERATION OF PANAMANIAN HAVE TO DIE SO THAT ANOTHER CAN LIVE IN A FREE COUNTRY, IT IS PREPARED TO DO SO, AND THAT THIS POSSIBILITY MUST BE CONSIDERED REAL CONSIDERING THAT UNTIL NOW "WE HAVE PUT UP THE DEAD AND THEY THE MACHINE GUNS." HE NOTED THAT THE PANAMA CANAL PROBLEM INVOLVES AN ENCLAVE OF 600 SQUARE MILES WITH 14 MILITARY BASES IMPOSED ON A WEAK COUNTRY BY
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A STRONG COUNTRY. IN ANOTHER REFERENCE TO THE

CANAL HE SAID THAT THE USE OF THE CANAL WOULD ACCOUNT FOR 12 TO 15 PERCENT OF NATIONAL INCOME, BUT THAT "WE RENOUNCE RECEIPT OF THIS INCOME BECUASE WE WANT TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT WE ARE NOT RENTED, BUT RATHER ARE OCCUPIED BY FORCE."

3. THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS MILD IN TONE, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE UN AND THE OAS, FOR THE RESOLUTION ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION PASSED AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN, FOR SELA AND OTHER ITEMS OF AN ECONOMIC COOPERATIVE AND CONSULTATIVE NATURE (FULL TEXT WILL BE POUCHED TO ARA/BC). THERE WAS THE INEVITABLE MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR ASPIRATIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY INVOLVING THE CANAL FOR PANAMA AND AN OUTLET TO THE SEA FOR BOLIVIA. AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF BOLIVIA'S SUPPORT FOR PANAMANIAN ASPIRATIONS FOLLOWS: "THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRECEDING STATEMENTS AND THE TRADITIONAL SENSE OF JUSTICE THAT ANIMATES ITS PEOPLE, DECLARES THE SOLIDARILTY OF THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF PANAMA ON THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION, WHICH IS AIMED AT THE EXERCISE OF FULL SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION IN ALL ITS TERRITORY WITHOUT EXCLUSION WHATEVER."

4. THE STATEMENT OF PANAMANIAN SUPPORT FOR BOLIVIA IS AS FOLLOWS:
"THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA REITERATES HIS SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT TO BOLIVIA IN ITS FIGHT TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE (PORQUE SE LE ASEGURE) OF ITS OWN SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN AS A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE, JUSTICE AND GOOD UNDERSTANDING IN THIS PART OF THE ARMERICAN CONTINENT."
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